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Whitehall, December 21, 1776.

HIS Majesty's Ships Active and Fowey are arrived from New York, but bring no Letters from General Sir William Howe, the General being, at the Time of their sailing on the 13th ult. with the Army in the Country, at a considerable Distance from New York.

The Accounts which have been received of the late Operations of His Majesty's Forces are to the following Effect:

That on the 12th of October the Guards, Light Infantry, and Reserve, together with Colonel Donop's Corps of Hessian Grenadiers and Chasseurs, marched from the advanced Posts on New York Island, and embarking in Boats at Turtle Bay, passed up the East River through Hell-Gates, and landed on Frogs-Neck. That having crossed the Neck, they found the Bridge, which joined it to the Main, had been broken down by the Rebels, who had thrown up some Works on the opposite Side. That being joined by the First, Second, and Sixth Brigades from Long Island, the Troops embarked again in Boats, and landed in Pelham's Manor the 18th without Opposition; and marching on, through a random Fire of the Rebels from behind Stone Walls, gained the Road which leads from Connecticut to King's Bridge. The Rebels, apprehending their Communication to the Eastward would be cut off, moved from their Camp at King's Bridge, and extended their Left to the White Plains, a Chain of stony Hills so called. On the 21st His Majesty's Light Troops took Possession of the Heights of New Rochell. Colonel Rogers, with his New York Companies, having taken Post at Maramack, was attacked by a Party of the Rebels, which he drove back with considerable Loss.

On the 25th the advanced Corps moved forward to the Road which leads to the White Plains, where the Rebels appeared determined to make a Stand; but, on the 27th, the Party that was posted there struck their Tents in the Night, and moved off to the Entrances of the White Plains, where the Main Body of the Rebels was entrenched, having the Bronx's River in their Front, the Banks of which are swampy, and the River deep, except at the Ford, where the Banks are steep and rocky. On the 28th in the Morning, our Army marched in Columns to attack the Rebels, who, seeing the Troops in Motion, a Body of about 8,000 came out of their Lines, and posted themselves on the Top of a very steep Hill above the Ford. The Second Brigade, consisting of the 5th, 28th, 35th, and 49th Regiments, with a Battalion of Hessians, and a Party of the Light Dragoons, marched down, and crossing the Ford, though much annoyed by the Rebels Grape Shot, ascended the Hill with surprizing Intrepidity, attacked and routed the Body of Rebels that were posted there, driving them to their Entrenchments in the Entrances to the White Plains, where General Howe was preparing to attack them on the Morning of the 1st of November; but, being prevented by a very heavy Rain, the Rebels quitted their Entrenchments in the Night following, and retired towards Connecticut and the Highlands, abandoning their Camp at King's Bridge, after setting Fire to their Hutts and Barracks they had built for their Winter Quarters, which was immediately taken Possession

Cannon, large Quantities of Provisions, which the Rebels had spoiled, and a great Number of Hogsheds of Rum, which the General ordered to be destroyed. There is no exact Return of our Loss in the different Attacks, but it is supposed to have been between 190 and 200 killed and wounded.

At the Court at St. James's, the 20th Day of December, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Day of October last, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the Thirty-first of December then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders, as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Eighth Day of November last, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid, in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant December: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations for Payment of the said Bounty and Rewards is near expiring; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer, His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore Order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, That the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant December, to the Twenty-eighth Day of February next inclusive.—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

Ramsgate Harbour, December 18, 1776.

THE Trustees for Enlarging, Building, and Maintaining the said Harbour, do hereby give Notice, that their next Meeting will be held at the Office of the Corporation for the Merchants Seamen over the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 15th of January next, at One o'Clock precisely; when they will state one Cash Account of Receipts and Payments, and one General Revenue Account, agreeable to the Directions in the Act of Parliament for that Purpose. And they do hereby further give Notice, that the said Accounts shall lie open for the Public Inspection of all and every Person or Persons, with their Secretary, at the Old South Sea House, in Broad-Street, London, for the Space of six Days after such Meeting.

Will. Evans, Secretary.

AVERAGE PRICES of CORN,

From December 9, to December 14, 1776.

By the Standard WINCHESTER Bushel of Eight Gallons.

	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
London,	4	9	3	0	2	6	1	11	3	0
COUNTIES INLAND.										
Middlesex,	5	0			2	5	2	2	3	3
Surry,	4	9	3	5	2	8	2	2	3	9
Hertford,	4	9			2	4	2	0	3	7
Bedford,	4	9	3	4	2	3	1	11	3	0
Cambridge,	4	10	2	11	2	3	1	7	2	6
Huntingdon,	4	8			2	2	1	9	3	1
Northampton,	5	0	2	4	2	2	1	11	3	2
Rutland,	5	0			2	3	1	8	3	2
Leicester,	4	11			2	4	1	10	3	4
Nottingham,	4	7	2	11	2	3	2	0	3	4
Derby,	5	4			2	6	1	11	3	9
Stafford,	4	11	3	2	2	4	1	9	3	9
Salop,	4	9	2	11	2	1	1	8	3	2
Hereford,	4	5			2	2	1	7	3	1
Worcester,	4	11	2	10	2	4	1	10	3	9
Warwick,	5	2			2	7	2	0	3	11
Gloucester,	5	3			2	4	1	11	3	4
Wilt,	5	0			2	4	2	0	3	10
Berks,	4	9	4	0	2	5	2	1	3	2
Oxford,	5	2			2	5	2	2	3	3
Bucks,	4	9			2	2	2	0	2	10

COUNTIES upon the COAST.										
Essex,	4	5			2	8	2	1	3	3
Suffolk,	4	5	2	10	2	3	1	10	2	8
Norfolk,	4	5	2	10	1	11	1	10	3	0
Lincoln,	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	7	3	2
York,	4	9	3	0	2	4	1	8	3	6
Durham,	4	11	3	4	2	3	1	7	3	7
Northumberland,	4	3	3	2	1	11	1	6	2	10
Cumberland,	4	8	2	10	1	10	1	5	3	4
Westmorland,	5	0	3	3	2	4	1	4		
Lancashire,	5	6			2	4	1	10	3	1
Cheshire,	5	0	3	1	2	6	1	6		
Monmouth,	5	4			2	3	1	6		
Somerset,	5	9	3	4	2	3	1	9	3	0
Devon,	5	8			2	2	1	3		
Cornwall,	5	2			2	1	1	6		
Dorset,	5	5			2	1	1	10	3	3
Hampshire,	4	8			2	3	2	0	3	3
Suffex,	4	7			2	4	2	0	3	1
Kent,	4	7			2	7	2	2	2	10

From December 2, to December 7, 1776.

W A L E S.										
North Wales,	4	11	3	9	2	1	1	4	3	0
South Wales,	5	0	3	9	2	6	1	4	2	7
Part of SCOTLAND.										
Wheat.	3	7			2	7	1	4		
Rye.										
Barley.										
Oats.										
Beans.										
Bigs.										

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Willm Cooke.

St. James's, December 21, 1776.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the 23d of last Month, about Ten o'Clock at Night, as Chiswell Slade, Commander of the Stag Cutter in the Service of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Rye, and his Crew, were unloading a large Lug-sail Boat, which they had seized (with a Quantity of Tea on Board) about two Miles Distance from the South Foreland, they saw two Cutters, to which they immediately gave Chace, and about Eleven o'Clock came up with the Sternmost, who often fired upon the Custom-House Cutter, and notwithstanding Capt. Slade told them who he was, and ordered them to bring to, yet they continued firing, and with their Shot struck the Boat upon the Deck, and also the Mast; and the other Cutter bearing down, and firing, and being both full of Men, the Custom-House Cutter was obliged to give up the Chace, having but Twelve Men on board, and one of them dangerously wounded: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in so daring and outrageous an Offence, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover two or more of his Accomplices therein, so that they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to the Person making such Discovery, to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction of two or more of the Offenders.

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

General Post-Office, December 21, 1776.

Mail for New York will be made up and forwarded from hence the First Wednesday in every Month as formerly, to commence on Wednesday the 1st of January next.

By Command of the Post-Master General,
Anth. Todd, Secretary.

Wiltshire Militia.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the County of Wilts, is appointed to be held at the Vine Inn in the City of New Sarum in the said County, on Tuesday the 7th of January next ensuing, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, for executing the several Laws now in being relating to the raising and training the Militia.

Turner, Clerk of the General Meetings.

East-India House, November 19, 1776.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Tuesday the 24th of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Midsummer last to Christmas next.

East-India House, December 10, 1776.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies having, on the 15th of November last, consented, by Ballot, to restore Charles Stafford Playdell, formerly a Member of the Council at Bengal, and Captain Lieutenant Lewis Mestayer, late of the Corps of Engineers in Bengal, severally to the Company's Service; in which more than three Parts in four concurred, agreeable to the Act of Parliament of the 13th Year of His present Majesty, for establishing certain Regulations for the said Company: Notice is hereby given, that at the Quarterly General Court of the said Company, appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall-street on Tuesday the 24th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, the Resolutions of the said Court of Directors relative to Mr. Playdell and Captain-Lieutenant Mestayer will be respectively offered to the Consideration of the General Court, according to the said Act.

N B. The Papers relative to the several Cases of Mess. Playdell and Mestayer lie at the Secretary's Office for the Perusal of the Proprietors.

East-India House, December 14, 1776.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice, That the Quarterly General Court of the said Company to meet on Tuesday the 24th Instant, according to Notices before given, for the Purposes of declaring a Dividend from Midsummer last to Christmas next, and for the Consideration of the respective Cases of Mess. Playdell and Mestayer, is further for the Consideration of the following Proposition, viz,

- " That a Copy of such Species of Accounts as
- " are intended by the Directors to be laid be-
- " fore any Quarterly Court of the East-India
- " Company, as far as the said Accounts can be
- " made up, be placed in a convenient Room
- " in this House for one Week preceding the
- " Holding of the said Quarterly Court, toge-
- " ther with Estimates of the Receipts and Pay-
- " ments of Cash for the said Week; and that
- " the Proprietors be at Liberty to inspect the
- " said Accounts and Estimates, and also to
- " make Copies of the same if they think
- " proper; and other special Affairs; at the
- " Desire of Nine Proprietors.

FRESH Pyrmont Water, Seltzer and Spa, just arrived at Ellison's Mineral Water Warehouse, near Red Lion-street, Whitechapel. At the same Place may be had Fine New Honey in Pots, from 5d. to 6d. per Pound; Genuine Spruce Beer, 12s. 6d. per Keg.

THE Bond and Simple Contract Creditors of Sherrington Davenport, heretofore of Davenport House in the County of Salop, but late of the City of Bath, Esq; deceased, are desired to deliver an Account of their respective Demands to Mr. Valentine Vickers, of Cranmere in the Parish of Worfield in the said County of Salop.

ALL Persons having any Demand on the Estate of William Gayther, late of St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, London, Penket-maker, (who died on the 23d of January, 1768) or the Produce thereof, are desired peremptorily to send an Account in Writing of such their Demands to Mr. Baskerville, of Crosby-square, London, on or before the 29th of January, 1777.

WHereas Joseph Thomas Dickerson, of St. John's-street Clerkenwell, in the County of Middlesex, Brandy-merchant, hath assigned over his Debts and Effects to Messrs. John Woolston of Holborn-bridge, Richard Hopkins of Lower Thames-street, and William Hudson, N^o 48, St. John's-street, in Trust for themselves and the rest of his Creditors; All Persons indebted to the said Estate are desired to pay their respective Debts forthwith to either of the aforesaid Gentlemen, (or whomsoever they shall appoint) or they will be sued for the same without farther Notice.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree and subsequent Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Friday the 7th Day of February next, between the Hours of Five and Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, The Tythes of the Hamlet of Little Tew in the County of Oxford, heretofore Part of the Estate of Francis Keck, Esq; deceased. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily sold, in Three distinct Lots, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Eames, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Monday the 20th of January, 1777, between the Hours of Five and Seven o'Clock in the Afternoon, The several Freehold and Leasehold Estates late of John Holbeche, deceased, situate and being in Cooper's-court, Nightingale-lane, near East-Smithfield, and in Cloth-fair, London. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; late of Woodhall in the County of Hertford, deceased, are to come before William Weller Pepys, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, and prove their Debts and claim their Legacies, on or before the 1st Day of February next, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Samuel Hough, late of King-street, Covent-garden, in the City of Westminster in the County of Middlesex, Esq; deceased, are to come in and prove their Debts before Edward Leeds, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of the Right Honourable Percy Wyndham O'Brien, late Earl of Thomond, deceased, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts, before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, in Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of the Right Honourable George Lord Bingley, deceased, are peremptorily to come in and prove their Debts before Thomas Harris, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, London, on or before the 12th of February next, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of John Wade, late of Fell Side within the Burgh of Kirkby Kendall in the County of Westmorland, Clothier, deceased, are to come in and prove their several Debts and claim their respective Legacies before Edward Leeds, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Davis, late of Pershore in the County of Worcester, Timber-merchant, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, on Wednesday the 22d of January next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Coach and Horses Inn, in Pershore aforesaid, on special Affairs; and particularly to assent to or dissent from the Assignees conveying the Fee Simple and Inheritance of all or any Part of the said Bankrupt's Estates to the respective Mortgagees, upon such Terms as shall be agreed upon.

Pursuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Henry Earl Bathurst, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for enlarging the Time for James Lattimer, late of the Borough of St. Alban's in the County of Hertford, Linen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, (a Bankrupt) to surrender himself and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, for 31 Days, to be computed from the 24th Day of December instant; This is to give Notice, that the major Part of the Commissioners named in the said Commission intend to meet on the 24th Day of January next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender himself, between the Hours of Eleven and One o'Clock of the same Day, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination; and the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the same, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Joseph Jones, of Cheltenham in the

County of Gloucestershire, at Ten in the Forenoon on each Day, at the House of Robert Jeffett, the Sign of the Plow, in Cheltenham, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Whithorne, of Charlton Kings in the said County.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Moses Cohen, of Tower-lane in the City of Bristol, Silversmith, and he being declared a Bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 1st and 14th Days of January next at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and on the 1st Day of February following at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Santer, New-inn, London.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Bushell, of St. Mary Axe in the City of London, Mariner, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 23d Day of December instant and on the 4th Day of January next at Ten in the Forenoon, and on the 1st Day of February following at Five in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. De Yongh, Union-court, Old Broad-street.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Hayes, of Battersea in the Parish of Battersea in the County of Surry, Plumber, Glazier, and Painter, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 31st Day of December instant, on the 11th of January next, and on the 1st Day of February following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees; and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Boufhead, N^o 26, Vere-street, Clare-market.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Jonah Webb, of the City of Bristol, Maltster, Brewer, Baker, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 6th and 7th Days of January next, and on the 1st of February following, at Eleven in the Forenoon, on each of the said Days, at the Pelican Inn in St. Thomas's-Street in the said City, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Usher, Attorney at Law, in Bristol.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Pennock, of the City of York, Leather-seller, Breeches-maker, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 6th and 7th Days of January next, and on the 1st Day of February following, at Eleven in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at the York Tavern, situate in St. Helen's-square in the said City of York, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commission-